

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION

Blue Spike, LLC,

Plaintiff,

V.

Texas Instruments, Inc. et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 6:12-cv-499-MHS

Lead Case

Jury Trial Demanded

**BLUE SPIKE’S RESPONSE
TO DEFENDANT AMANO CINCINNATI’S MOTION TO STRIKE [DKT. 769]**

Amano has asked the Court to strike Blue Spike’s surreply (Dkt. 742) on the ground that it expands the complaint. *See* Dkt. 769. The Court should deny Amano’s motion to strike—which is an impermissible attempt to get the last word—for three reasons:

First, Amano did not seek leave to file the motion, violating Local Rule CV-7(f), which requires leave of court for post-surreply filings.

Second, any fair reading of Blue Spike’s surreply reveals that it did not “expand” the complaint; it merely paraphrased it. *Compare* Dkt. 742 *with* Case No. 6:13-cv-109, Dkt. 1; *see also Westfall v. Miller*, 77 F.3d 868, 870 (5th Cir. 1996) (rejecting pedantic interpretations and instead requiring “a fair and reasonable reading of the pleadings”).

Third, no authority supports striking Blue Spike's surreply. Amano cites no law that would justify striking the surreply. This is unsurprising since this Court expressly allows surreplies as a matter of right. *See* L.R. CV-7(f). Further, there is

no basis for striking a surreply in its entirety. Rather, only particular *parts* of a surreply are subject to striking, namely, “arguments raised for the first time.” *Miles Bramwell USA, LLC v. Weight Watchers Int’l, Inc.*, No. 4:12-cv-292, 2013 WL 1797031, at *4 (E.D. Tex. Mar. 27, 2013), *report and recommendation adopted*, 2013 WL 1793934 (E.D. Tex. Apr. 26, 2013). As explained, Blue Spike’s surreply does not raise any arguments for the first time anymore than it seeks to expand its complaint, so no part of it would merit striking even if Amano had properly sought leave or cited applicable authority.

For these reasons, Blue Spike respectfully asks the Court to disregard Amano’s motion to strike (Dkt. 769).

Respectfully submitted,

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